

NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAM O. K'D IN HOUSE 283-51

Approval of Huge Military Measure on Sea Completes National Defense Plans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Congress virtually completed the national defense program Tuesday night by finally approving the great increase in naval construction and personnel written into the naval bill and urgently supported by the administration.

The house accepted the building program, to which its conferees on the measure had refused to agree, by a vote of 283 to 51, with seven of the members present not voting. The personnel increases on which there also was a disagreement in conference, were approved without a record vote.

Calls For 74,700 Men.
The personnel and construction sections, which already have the approval of the senate, authorize an increase in enlisted men to 74,700 and the building of 157 war vessels within the next three years, with four battle cruisers and four battle ships included among the ships for 1917. Previously the house had refused to adopt a continuing building program, had authorized only five capital ships, all of them battle cruisers, and had provided a personnel of only 65,000.

On several less important sections including appropriations for improvement of navy yards, the house insisted on its disagreement to senate increases and voted to send the bill back to conference for settlement of these points. An early agreement is expected, however, and the measure may be sent the president for his signature within a week.

Second Largest Navy.
Sec'y Daniels issued a statement Tuesday night pointing out that the building authorizations in the bill were the greatest ever passed in any country and would give the United States, in the opinion of naval authorities, the second largest navy in the world. He declared the measure "so complete and nearly perfect that it will stand as a model for all navy bills, for future legislators."

The vote by which the house accepted the senate increase in the building program was non-partisan, the majority of both democrats and republicans voting in the affirmative. Of the 51 members who voted in the negative there were 35 democrats, 15 republicans and one socialist, as follows:

Now They Voted.
Democrats: Ayer, Bailey, Black, Blackman, Buchanan of Illinois; Burnett, Connelly, Cox, Doolittle, Garrett, Gray, Harding, Helgeson, Hillard, Huddleston, Johnson of Kentucky; Kitchin, McClintic, Page of North Carolina; Randall, Shallenberger, Shouse, Sisson, Slayden, Steele of Iowa; Taggart, Tamm, Taylor of Arkansas; Thomas, Thompson, Tillman, Van Dyke, Watkins and Webb.

Republicans: Anderson, Campbell, Cranston, Davis of Minnesota; Dillon, Ellsworth, Haugen, Helgeson, Kinkaid, Lenroot, Mondell, Morgan of Oklahoma; Nelson and Young of North Dakota.

Socialist: London.
Republicans Want Credit.
During the debate on the building program, the republicans insisted that they had led the way toward increases and that the administration was not entitled to all of the credit.

"Two months ago the democrats, urged by the administration, were asked to vote against the wild reckless, extravagant appropriations proposed by the republicans," said Democratic Majority Leader Kitchin. "I denounced the republican program as reckless criminality. Yet now the chairman of the committee, the secretary of the navy, the president and fellow democrats ask me to get up here and eat my words."

"When this program passes the congress and is signed by the president this nation will be the greatest military nation the world has ever seen. And yet they say we are sane and patriotic."

Mann Says It Is Wisdom.
Republican Leader Mann, advocating the increase, declared it was ordinary wisdom to prepare for "what we hope will never come."

"I want to keep out of war," he said, "but we should be prepared to protect our rights at home and abroad. The credit will belong to the republican side, for the votes that will pass this larger program."

Senate amendments to which the house disagreed and which will be referred again to conference included these appropriations:

\$4,000,000 for equipment of the Puget Sound, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston and New Orleans navy yards for construction of warships, with immediate equipment of the Puget Sound, Philadelphia, Boston and Norfolk yards to build capital ships.

\$1,250,000 additional for improvements at the Charleston navy yards, including a dry dock to cost \$1,085,000.

\$400,000 to enlarge facilities of the Portsmouth navy yards.

\$100,000 for a new wharf at the New Orleans navy yard; and \$600,000 for investigation of submarine and aviation bases and plans for defense of harbors and canals.

Ambassador Home After Three Years



WALTER HINES PAGE.

NEW YORK.—Ambassador and Mrs. W. H. Page, who arrived from England on the American liner Philadelphia, are visiting their children at Garden City, L. I., today. After a few days there the ambassador will go to Washington. He has been abroad three years. He is to return to his post late in October.

HIT IMAGINARY BURGLAR.

Roomer in Hotel Smashes Fist Into a Wall.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 16.—W. A. Swift, a photographer, is nursing several fractured fingers on his left hand and a sprained left arm as the result of an attack he made on an imaginary burglar in his room at a hotel Monday night. He got up during the night thinking he saw a masked man. He delivered a smashing blow, his fist striking the wall.

British King Sends Laudatory Order to French

LONDON, Aug. 16.—After a visit to the front, King George Tuesday issued a general order to the army in France expressing his appreciation of the splendid condition and cheerful confidence of all ranks, and through personal visits to the scenes of later desperate struggles, his understanding of the demands made upon the courage of the men and the physical endurance required to assault and capture positions prepared during the last two years, which were stoutly defended to the last.

After an allusion to the happy relations between the allied armies and the populations where they are quartered, King George concluded his message as follows: "Do not think that I and my fellow countrymen forget the sacrifices the armies have made and the bravery and endurance they have displayed during the two years of bitter conflict. These sacrifices have not been in vain. The arms of the allies will never be laid down until our cause has triumphed. I return home more than ever proud of you. May God guide you to victory."

The foregoing dispatch is the first information that King George recently had sent to the front in France. On his last previous visit in October, 1915, the king was injured by a fall from his horse while inspecting the troops.

ARREST FOLLOWS MAN'S DEATH IN RAIL YARDS

News-Times Special Service: LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 16.—Fred Atwood, 38, who was arrested at Monon, was brought here last night and placed in the county jail pending an investigation by the county authorities into the death of Michael Kernan, a brick mason, who was found dead in the Monon rail road yards. An autopsy was performed by physicians which revealed they said, a cut in the back of the head and internal bleeding from an artery. It is thought Kernan may have been murdered. He had considerable money when last seen alive, but when the body was found there was no money in the clothing. Atwood was seen near the vicinity of the supposed crime.



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"How's your boy Josh getting along with his studies?"
"Pleasantly," replied Farmer Cornet. "He don't bother 'em none."